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 For: NITRIDED VALVE METALS AND
 PROCESSES FOR MAKING THE SAME
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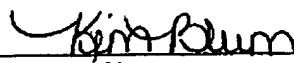
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Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the final Office Action dated March 22, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before June 22, 2006.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.